

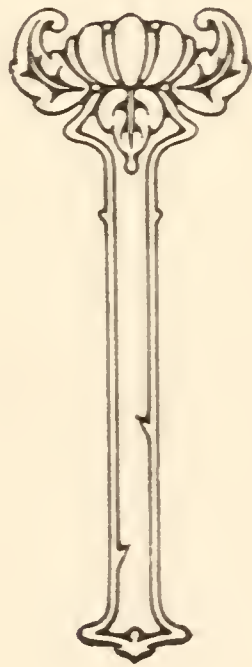
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Genealogy of the Harding Family in the Eastern Counties of North Carolina.



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Preface.

THE idea of preparing and publishing a genealogy of the Harding family in the eastern counties of North Carolina, came to me during a visit to the home of my boyhood, Washington and Chocowinity, N. C., in January, 1908. The descendants of Stephen Harding, our first ancestor in North Carolina, are now living in many states of the Union, and I felt it would be a pleasure to collect the facts concerning them for the benefit of present and future generations. I wish to thank all my relatives who have so willingly and promptly answered my questions and enabled me to make the idea a reality.

Affectionately yours,

JOHN RAVENSCROFT HARDING.

Trinity Rectory, Utica, N. Y., December 1, 1908.

Introduction.

THE eastern counties of North Carolina were first settled by English families, or by those of English descent who, having first established themselves in the more northern colonies, at length emigrated to Carolina. It has been impossible to discover the full facts concerning the first Harding who settled in Beaufort County, N. C., the ancestor of the many who now bear his name. The family tradition is that he came from Providence, Rhode Island, in the early part of the eighteenth century, that he was a ship builder, and that his first residence was on Fork Point, Tar River, near Washington. The compiler of these records has sought in vain for the birthplace, parentage or marriage of this man. The only clue, in the absence of family tradition, is found in a genealogical register of the New England Hardings, compiled by the Rev. Abner Morse, A. M., and published in Boston, 1864. While in this volume there is no definite link binding the North Carolina family to those of New England,

yet the similarity of Christian names in the two branches for several generations offers a probability that both are of the same original stock. These names are "Stephen," "Israel," "Nathaniel," "Benjamin" and "Thomas." If any dependence is to be placed on this coincidence, and there is strong reason to do so, then it is probable that our first North Carolina ancestor, Stephen Harding, is a descendant of the Stephen Harding who lived in Providence, Rhode Island, 1669, but who, tradition says, came originally from Weymouth Landing, Mass. From Mr. Morse's record it is learned that the Hardings were among the earliest English colonists of Massachusetts. There is no exact date known of their arrival, but circumstances indicate that they emigrated with Sir Robert Gorges in 1623, and settled at Weymouth Landing, near Braintree, Mass. Here for half a century was their home, from which they afterward moved to different sections of New England.

The name Harding is of Gothic origin, and signifies "bold," "courageous," "daring," stout-hearted.

Chapter I.

STEPHEN HARDING, the ancestor of the Eastern North Carolina Hardings, had three sons, Israel, Benjamin and Stephen.

ISRAEL HARDING, son of Stephen Harding, m. Annis Clark of Beaufort County, N. C. He was a farmer and lived at Chocowinity. Family traditions about him, as of all the earlier members of the family, are very meager. The Revolutionary records of N. C. show that he enlisted April 15, 1781, in the 10th Regiment, N. C. troops, Sharp's Company, became a sergeant and served 12 months. He was in General Green's army, and is said to have been in the battles of Cowpens, King's Mountain and Guilford Courthouse, but as all these battles occurred before the above recorded enlistment, it is probable that there was an enlistment of an earlier date. He had four children, Henry, Nathaniel, Israel and Frederic. He built the

house on his farm, afterwards occupied by his son Nathaniel, which was burned about 1870.

HENRY HARDING, son of Israel and Annis Harding, was born at Chocowinity and lived there all his life, dying about 1853 or 1854. He m. Mary M. Grist, who died about 1850. He had several children, but raised only two, Benjamin Franklin and Wiley Grist.

WILEY GRIST HARDING, the second son of Henry and Mary M. Harding, emigrated to Tenn. and died there about 1875. Careful investigation has failed to discover anything further about him or his descendants.

ISRAEL and FREDERIC HARDING, the younger sons of Israel and Annis Harding, never married and died at Chocowinity.

STEPHEN HARDING, the third son of the original Stephen Harding in North Carolina, had two daughters, Polly and Dicey. Polly never married. Dicey

married Riley Orrell of Durham's Creek, N. C. Her descendants are living around Blount's Creek, N. C., but it has been impossible to secure their names.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HARDING, the first son of Henry and Mary M. Harding, was born in Beaufort Co., N. C., and spent his life there. He married Winnie Nelson, b. Oct. 9, 1827, d. June 4, 1883.

Children :

Henry E., b. April 29, 1851.

Mary Margaret, b. Aug. 18, 1852.

William Augustus, b. April 13, 1854.

Emily E., b. April 15, 1855.

Allen Grist, b. Sept. 15, 1857.

Wiley G., b. 1859, d. Aug. 20, 1859.

Laura, died in infancy.

Apsley G., b. May 9, 1854.

Sallie Nelson, b. Oct. 1865.

HENRY E. HARDING, son of Benjamin Franklin and Winnie Harding, m. Oct. 27, 1879, Harriet E. Hull, daughter of William Henry and Annis von Eberstein.

They have one child, Guy C., b. Oct. 25, 1880. Henry E. Harding is engaged in the real estate business in Washington, N. C. See page 15.

MARY MARGARET HARDING, daughter of Benjamin Franklin and Winnie Harding, m. May 26, 1874 James Griffin Hill of Chocowinity, N. C., merchant, b. Jan. 5, 1850, d. Nov. 7, 1903.

Children:

Forrester Severance, b. March 25, 1875, d. Sep. 5, 1884.

Herbert Guion, b. Jan. 21, 1877, d. Jan. 3, 1878.

Cora May, b. May 17, 1878.

James Griffin, b. Nov. 4, 1879, d. May 24, 1880.

Henry Bryan, b. Nov. 27, 1880.

Fenner B., b. Dec. 25, 1882.

Mattie Harding, b. Sep. 29, 1885.

George Franklin, b. June 25, 1887.

James Griffin, b. April 20, 1889, d. Aug. 16, 1889.

Mary Margaret, b. April 20, 1889, d. Aug. 16, 1889.

Apsley Elizabeth, b. May 16, 1890, d. Sep. 29, 1890.

Samuel Nicholson, b. Nov. 26, 1892.

WILLIAM AUGUSTUS HARDING, son of Benjamin Franklin and Winnie Harding, m. Winnie Barr. They had four children, three boys and one girl. Names and dates not learned.

EMILY E. HARDING, daughter of Benjamin Franklin and Winnie Harding, m. Feb. 15, 1882, Timothy Edward Cutler of Washington, N. C. Children:

Annie Bertha, b. March 17, 1883, d. July 15, 1884.

Sallie Estelle, b. Sep. 7, 1885.

James Edward, b. Nov. 14, 1887.

Mary Elizabeth, b. April 10, 1892.

ALLEN GRIST HARDING, son of Benjamin Franklin and Winnie Harding, moved to South Carolina, married and died there, leaving two children, a boy and girl. Other facts not known.

APSLEY G. HARDING, daughter of Benjamin Franklin and Winnie Harding, m. Robert Tripp of Washington, N. C. See page 18.

SALLIE NELSON HARDING, daughter of Benjamin Franklin and Winnie Harding, m. Feb. 29, 1889, John

R. Hughes, son of Rev. N. C. Hughes, D. D., Chocowinity, North Carolina. Children:

Lucretia Seldon, b. Feb. 18, 1890.

Isaac Wayne, b. August 8, 1892.

John Blount, b. Oct. 11, 1902, d. Jan. 3, 1906.

GUY C. HARDING, son of Henry E. and Harriet Harding, m. July 19, 1905, Blanche C. Lowery, daughter of Jordan B. and Nannie R. Lowery. He is engaged in real estate with his father in Washington, N. C. They have one child:

Harriet B., b. May 9, 1906.

Chapter II.

NATHANIEL HARDING, son of Israel and Annis Harding, was born 1790 in the old Harding house occupied by his father, which was situated on the rear of the farm now owned by Frederick H. von Eberstein. Israel Harding built a new house on the present Eberstein lot about 1800, and in this house Nathaniel Harding lived from his 10th year. This building was burned about 1870, after which the present house was erected. Nathaniel Harding married about 1820-21, Elizabeth Ann Patrick, and died 1864. He was the first member of the family in North Carolina to become a member of the Episcopal Church, and for many years was an earnest supporter of Trinity Parish, Chocowinity.

Children :

Annis, b. June 25, 1822, d. May 16, 1893.

Martha, b. Dec. 9, 1825.

Jarvis Buxton, b. Jan. 6, 1827, d. Aug. 6, 1864.

Israel, b. May 29, 1829, d. Jan. 13, 1891.

Frederick, b. Feb. 29, 1832, d. Sep. 29, 1892.

Elizabeth Grist, b. May 20, 1834.

Henry, b. May 8, 1837.

Annie Patrick, b. Jan. 3, 1839, d. March 25, 1874.

Julia, b. 1841, d. unmarried March, 1865.

Nathaniel, b. March 6, 1847.

ANNIS HARDING, daughter of Nathaniel and Elizabeth Ann Harding, m. April 15, 1852, Baron William Henry von Eberstein, b. Dec. 15, 1821, d. Oct. 25, 1890. Baron von Eberstein followed the sea for many years and after his marriage settled at Chocowinity, N. C. He volunteered in the Washington, N. C., Grays in 1861 and as a military engineer served at Beacon Island and Washington, N. C. On Sep. 5, 1862, he was appointed sergeant major in the 61st Regiment, N. C. troops. He fought in the battles of Kinston, Whitehall, Goldsboro, Rall's Mills, Battery Wagner, Battery Gregg, Fort Moultrie, Dewey's Bluff, Cold Harbor, Gain's Mills and Petersburg. He was wounded by the bursting of a shell in the trenches of Petersburg, and, being disabled and over age, was honorably discharged Sep. 1864. He was complimented by General Clingman on his skill in mounting heavy guns. He bought the old Nathaniel Harding

farm, five miles from Washington, N. C., and lived there until his death. Children:

Harriet Elizabeth, b. July 10, 1853.

Ernest Albert, b. Oct. 18, 1856, d. May 12, 1857.

Frederic Harding, b. Dec. 11, 1858.

Julia Ernestine, b. Feb. 14, 1862.

HARRIET ELIZABETH VON EBERSTEIN, daughter of William H. and Annis von Eberstein, m. Dec. 27, 1871, Benjamin L. Hull of Chocowinity, N. C. Mr. Hull died March 24, 1873. By this marriage there was one son:

Benjamin L., b. Nov. 2, 1872.

For her second marriage see page 9.

BENJAMIN L. HULL, son of Benjamin L. and Harriet E. Hull, received his education in Trinity School, Chocowinity, N. C., and lived with his uncle, Frederick Harding von Eberstein, until recent years. Present address, Greenville, N. C. He m. Dec. 11, 1904, Bertha Welch. They have had one child:

Frederick Welch, b. Dec. 30, 1906, d. May 4, 1908.

FREDERICK HARDING VON EBERSTEIN, son of William H. and Annis von Eberstein, m. Sarah Philopena Brown, daughter of William Zaccheus and Emily Freeman Brown, b. Jan. 21, 1862. Mr. Eberstein was educated in Trinity School, Chocowinity, and lives in the old homestead of his grandfather, Nathaniel Harding. He is engaged in farming and the lumber business. Children:

Harriet Champion, b. March 5, 1880, d. Oct. 3, 1884.

Emily Brown, b. June 26, 1883, d. July 23, 1885.

Carrie Harding, b. July 31, 1885, d. Sep. 6, 1886.

Mabel DeVire, b. May 2, 1887.

Julia Hyde, b. May 7, 1888.

William Henry, b. Jan. 22, 1892.

JULIA ERNESTINE VON EBERSTEIN, daughter of William H. and Annis von Eberstein, m. April 17, 1883, in Trinity Church, Chocowinity, Harvey Roberts Bright. Residence, Washington, N. C. Children:

Annis Williams, b. June 5, 1884.

Christopher Roberts, b. Aug. 26, 1885.

Frederick Harding, b. Dec. 20, 1888, d. June 18, 1889.

Carolina Harding, b. July 16, 1890.

Albertina von Eberstein, b. Dec. 26, 1893, d. Dec.
27, 1893.

George McDonald, b. Jan. 27, 1895.

Julia Harvey, b. Jan. 19, 1900.

MARTHA HARDING, daughter of Nathaniel and Elizabeth Ann Harding, m. May 10, 1848, Benjamin Franklin Tripp, b. Jan. 12, 1816, d. Oct. 12, 1873. Residence, Washington, N. C. Children:

Joseph, b. Aug. 8, 1849, d. Aug. 20, 1852.

Nathaniel Harding, b. Aug. 15, 1850.

William Henry, b. Sep. 25, 1853.

Robert, b. Aug. 22, 1855.

Sarah, b. July 24, 1857.

Elizabeth Harding, b. Aug. 29, 1859, d. Jan. 9,
1860.

Frederick Harding, b. Oct. 5, 1865, d. Oct. 13,
1865.

NATHANIEL HARDING TRIPP, son of Benjamin F. and Martha Tripp, m. Nov. 12, 1877, Martha Elizabeth Wooten of Pitt Co., N. C., b. Nov., 1842. Mr. Tripp is an undertaker in Kinston, N. C. There are no children.

WILLIAM HENRY TRIPP, son of Benjamin F. and Martha Tripp, m. Dec. 13, 1881, Elizabeth Rachel Mewborn, of Pitt Co., N. C., b. June, 1863. She died Sep. 11, 1882, and April 14, 1889, he married Catherine E. Burney, b. Oct. 28, 1867. He is farming in Beaufort Co., N. C. Children of second marriage:

Jesse Bryan, b. Jan. 30, 1890.

Robert Lee, b. Sep. 1, 1891.

Frederick Harding, b. July 3, 1893.

Rachel Elizabeth, b. June 30, 1895.

Julia Burney, b. Dec. 8, 1902.

Margaret, b. April 9, 1904, d. Sep. 25, 1905.

ROBERT TRIPP, son of Benjamin F. and Martha Tripp, m. Jan. 29, 1885, Apsley Grist Harding, daughter of Benjamin F. and Winnifred Harding. Mr. Tripp is a contractor in Washington, N. C. Children:

Martha Harding, b. Nov. 20, 1885.

Robert Harding, b. Nov. 21, 1887, d. May 26, 1888.

Georgie Bogart, b. Oct. 23, 1900.

SARAH TRIPP, daughter of Benjamin F. and Martha Tripp, has never married, and lives with her mother in Washington, N. C.

JARVIS BUXTON HARDING, son of Nathaniel and Elizabeth Ann Harding, m. Feb. 11, 1857, Eunice A. Windley in Washington, N. C. She was b. Feb. 20, 1830, d. Nov. 21, 1897. He enlisted in 1863 as ordnance officer, 3d N. C. Regiment, Grimes' Brigade, and died of typhoid fever in Staunton, Va., Aug. 6, 1864. Children:

Mary R., b. Nov. 8, 1857, d. Jan. 6, 1865.

William Thomas, b. Jan. 24, 1859, d. Sep. 14, 1860.

John Frederick, b. March 11, 1861.

Martha T., b. Nov. 14, 1862, d. Nov. 14, 1862.

Annie Buxton, b. Oct. 20, 1863, d. Sep. 18, 1868.

JOHN FREDERICK HARDING, son of James Buxton and Eunice A. Harding, m. Dec. 16, 1886, in St. Thomas' Church, Bath, N. C., Miriam Y. Bonner. Residence, Belhaven, N. C. Children:

Annie Frederick, b. Oct. 20, 1887, d. May 7, 1889.

Jarvis Bonner, b. Aug. 3, 1889.

Nathaniel, b. Oct. 2, 1891, d. May 8, 1894.

Fitsue Ellsworth, b. Feb. 7, 1902, d. May 22, 1902.

Eunice Olivia, b. Aug. 9, 1904, d. June 27, 1905.

ISRAEL HARDING, son of Nathaniel and Elizabeth

Ann Harding, m. in 1865, at Chocowinity, N. C., Carolina Virginia Hughes, daughter of John F. and Martha Phillips Hughes, b. Jan. 17, 1828, d. Nov. 21, 1866. Israel Harding was at first a farmer and carpenter, but through his interest in the church work at Tririnity Chapel, N. C., he began to look towards the ministry of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Studying privately under the direction of the Rev. N. C. Hughes, he was ordered deacon by Rt. Rev. Thomas Atkinson in St. James' Church, Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 21, 1856, and priest by the same bishop in Grace Church, Morganton, N. C., July 12, 1861. During his long ministry he served the parishes and missions at the following places, all in N. C.: 1857-59, Zion Church, Beaufort Co., St. Thomas', Bath, and St. John's, Durham's Creek, St. John's, Pitt Co., St. Paul's, above, St. John's, Pitt Co., St. Paul's, Swift Creek, Craven Co., and Pantego, Beaufort Co.; 1861, the same, except St. John's, Pitt Co.; 1862-65, St. Timothy's, Wilson, and St. Paul's, Greenville; 1866-71, Trinity, Beaufort Co., St. Paul's, Greenville, St. John's, Durham's Creek, St. Paul's, Swift Creek, and the mission at Aurora; 1871-73, St. Paul's, Beaufort, Carteret Co.; 1873-81, Trinity, Beaufort Co.; St. John's, Durham's Creek, St. John's, Pitt Co., St.

Paul's, Craven Co., and the mission at Aurora; 1881, St. Mary's, Kinston, Holy Innocents', Lenoir Co., St. John's, Pitt Co., and after 1888, missions at La-Grange, Snow Hill, Farmville, Trenton and St. Thomas', Craven Co. He built with his hands not only altars and furnishings for some of these churches, but planned and partly built some of the churches. Thus for thirty-five years he gave his labors incessantly to the work of the Gospel in Eastern North Carolina. He married as his second wife, May, 1875, Mrs. Susan Mary Patrick, widow of his cousin Henry Patrick. There were no children by this second marriage. She was a woman of strong religious faith and character, surviving him until Feb., 1908. She spent the last years of her life in Kinston, N. C. The children of Israel Harding's first marriage are:

Walter Herbert, b. July 20, 1856.

Martha Elizabeth, b. Oct. 15, 1857.

Israel, b. June 1, 1859, d. Dec. 24, 1860.

John Ravenscroft, b. June 30, 1860.

Fannie, b. about 1862, d. in early childhood.

William, b. about 1863, d. in babyhood.

Carolina Virginia, b. Nov. 13, 1865.

WALTER HERBERT HARDING, son of Israel and Carolina V. Harding, was educated in Trinity School.

Chocowinity, N. C., and at 17 began a three years' apprenticeship in Laurinburg, N. C., as a railroad machinist. Having finished that course he became a railroad engineer, and for a number of years has been so engaged in N. C., Va., and Alabama. Present residence, Montgomery, Alabama. He m. Dec. 18, 1884, Laura Anna White of Kinston, N. C., b. Aug. 6, 1867. Children:

Ruby Graham, b. Dec. 5, 1885.

Israel Hughes, b. Nov. 13, 1888.

Bernice Miller, b. May 26, 1890.

Carolina Hines, b. Jan. 22, 1892, d. March 6, 1892.

Nathaniel, b. May 22, 1894.

Mary Elizabeth, b. Oct. 5, 1897, d. April 26, 1900.

Sallie Green, b. Dec. 2, 1902.

John Ravenscroft, b. Aug. 1, 1904.

Katherine, b. Oct. 1, 1905.

MARTHA ELIZABETH HARDING, daughter of Israel and Carolina V. Harding, was educated at Trinity School, Chocowinity, N. C., and St. Mary's School, Raleigh, N. C. She m. April 27, 1880, Rev. Nicholas Collin Hughes, Jr., son of Rev. N. C. Hughes, D. D.,

Chocowinity, N. C. Her husband assisted his father in the work of Trinity School, Chocowinity, N. C., and after the death of the Rev. Dr. Hughes, followed him as principal. This position he held until the final close of the school in the summer of 1908. Residence, Chocowinity, N. C. Children:

Carolina Virginia, b. April 27, 1881.

Nicholas Collin, b. Jan 29, 1883.

Israel Harding, b. July 5, 1884.

Adeline Williams, b. April 17, 1886, d. Oct. 29, 1888.

Baby, b. and d. April 29, 1887.

Susan Mary, b. Sep. 20, 1888, d. July 29, 1889.

Paul, b. Sep. 12, 1889, d. Jan. 26, 1890.

Elizabeth, b. Aug. 29, 1890.

Robinson, b. July 18, 1891, d. Oct. 22, 1891.

JOHN RAVENSCROFT HARDING, son of Israel and Carolina Virginia Harding, was educated at Trinity School, Chocowinity, N. C., and at the Academy, Newbern, N. C. Was graduated from Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., 1883, taught in Kinston Academy one year, and was graduated from the General Theological Seminary, New York City, 1887. Ordered deacon in Christ Church, Raleigh, N. C., by Rt. Rev.

Theodore B. Lyman, LL. D., July 3, 1887, and priest by the same bishop in Trinity Church, Asheville, N. C., May 6, 1888. Assistant minister, Trinity Church, Asheville, N. C., 1887-88; rector St. James' Church and School, Macon, Mo., 1888-89; assistant, Church of the Messiah, Brooklyn, N. Y., 1889-91; rector Grace Church, Lyons, N. Y., 1891-94; rector Trinity Church, Utica, N. Y., 1894. Residence, Trinity Rectory, Utica, N. Y. Member Utica Theological Club; Alumni Association, Union College; Alumni Association, Gen. Theo. Seminary; Delta Phi Fraternity; Pres. Standing Committee, Board of Examining Chaplains, Deaf Mute Commission, Diocese of Central New York. Received degree of D. D. from Union College, 1887. M. Oct. 20, 1887, Katherine Rountree, daughter John M. Rountree of Chicago. Mrs. J. R. Harding d. Oct. 15, 1908. Children:

Natalie H., b. Aug. 31, 1888, d. Dec. 25, 1888.

Madeleine Huntington, b. June 28, 1891.

Katherine Rountree, b. Oct. 7, 1894.

CAROLINA VIRGINIA HARDING, daughter of Israel and Carolina Virginia Harding, was educated in Trinity School, Chocowinity, N. C., and the Academy, Kinston, N. C. M. Charles E. Perkins, assistant district attorney, Philadelphia, Pa., June 12, 1895. Resi-

dence, Philadelphia, Pa. Children:

Mary Edwards Perkins, b. May 16, 1898, d. April 22, 1899.

Infant son, b. and d. Feb. 8, 1900.

FREDERICK HARDING, son of Nathaniel and Elizabeth Ann Harding, b. at Chocowinity, N. C. He enlisted in the Confederate army in Beaufort Co., N. C., May 20, 1861, Swindell's Company. He was subsequently made captain of Company K, 3d North Carolina Cavalry, and the 42d Regiment. He was assigned to Barringer's Brigade, was in the engagement at Plymouth, N. C., and in active service in the battles around Richmond, Va. He surrendered with General Johnson near Durham, N. C., just after Lee's surrender at Appomattox. After the war he settled in Piti Co., N. C., and married Aug. 10, 1865, Mary Louisa Noble, daughter of Jesse Noble. She was b. Oct. 9, 1842, and d. June 29, 1897. Frederick Harding was a farmer and merchant until his death. Children:

Jesse Noble, b. Dec. 20, 1867, d. Dec. 26, 1867.

Annie Buxton, b. July 14, 1869.

Richard Henry, b. Jan. 14, 1871, d. July 31, 1872.

Sarah Elizabeth, b. June 16, 1872.

Mary Eliza, b. Aug. 3, 1874.

Martha Virginia, b. June 17, 1876.

Walter Frederick, b. May 10, 1878.

Ernest Lee, b. July 11, 1882, d. Nov. 4, 1887.

ANNIE BUXTON HARDING, daughter of Frederick and Mary L. Harding, m. Fordyce C. Harding, son of Henry and Sue Harding. See page 30.

SARAH E., MARTHA V. and MARY ELIZA, daughters of Frederick and Mary L. Harding, are unmarried.

WALTER F. HARDING, son of Frederick and Mary Harding, m. Dec. 27, 1904, Sallie P. Tucker of Pitt Co. Occupation, farmer. Children:

Natalie Elizabeth, b. Oct. 30, 1905, d. Aug. 18, 1906.

Jessie Tucker, b. June 15, 1907.

ELIZABETH GRIST HARDING, daughter of Nathaniel and Elizabeth Ann Harding, m. at Chocowinity, N. C., Oct. 31, 1850, Charles A. Curtis, a native of Newton, Connecticut. Mr. Curtis was a teacher at the time of his marriage and continued this work until his death in Mississippi, Sep. 1, 1875. Mrs. Curtis lives in Evanston, Illinois. Children:

Charles H., b. in Connecticut, Nov. 22, 1851.

Benjamin, b. in North Carolina, Nov. 23, 1854.

Stella E., b. in Connecticut, Nov. 10, 1858.

Grace, b. in Evanston, Illinois, Nov. 9, 1870.

CHARLES H. CURTIS, son of Charles A. and Elizabeth G. Curtis, moved to Florida 24 years ago from Evanston, Ill., and for the last 20 years has lived in Blufton, Fla. He is an orange grower, and is also interested in real estate in Jacksonville, Fla. In the latter city he was the originator of the Volusia shell roads, which have since become so popular in Southern cities. During the fall of 1908 he married Mrs. E. C. Rust of Orange City, Fla.

BENJAMIN CURTIS, son of Charles A. and Elizabeth G. Curtis, m. Feb. 15, 1882, Louisa Miller, b. Sep. 16, 1862. They live on a farm near Lincoln, Michigan.

Children:

Stella Elizabeth, b. March 23, 1883, d. July 6, 1883.

Charles A., b. Feb. 1, 1885.

Luelen, b. March 7, 1887, d. May 13, 1888.

Benjamin, b. Aug. 12, 1889, d. Oct. 12, 1890.

Edward Eugene, b. June 2, 1891.

STELLA E. CURTIS, daughter of Charles A. and Elizabeth G. Curtis, m. in Evanston, Ill., Aug. 22, 1882, Rev. M. M. Bales, D. D. of Ohio, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was graduated from the North Western University, Evanston, Ill. He received his A. M. and D. D. degrees from the Northern Illinois College. He had charges in the Rock River Conference of Illinois seventeen years, and is now field superintendent of a missionary society in New York City. Residence, Evanston, Ill. Their only child is:

GRACE M. BALES, b. in Illinois. May 25, 1884. She m. June 29, 1908, Leon James, a lawyer of Chicago, Ill. Residence, Evanston, Illinois.

GRACE CURTIS, daughter of Charles A. and Elizabeth G. Curtis, m. in Evanston, Ill., Sep. 22, 1890, Rev. S. S. Farley of Galesburg, Ill. Mr. Farley graduated from the North Western University, and has been connected with the Minnesota Conference sixteen years. Residence, Ortonville, Minn. Children:

Donald, b. March 23, 1894.

Malcolm, b. Jan. 31, 1896.

Margaret E., b. Aug. 23, 1897.

HENRY HARDING, son of Nathaniel and Elizabeth Ann Harding, was born at Chocowinity, N. C. He served in the Confederate army, and was in the battles of Newbern, Kinston and Goldsboro. and for six months was stationed at Battery Wagner, Va. He was made captain of Company B, 61st Regiment, Sep., 1861, and major of this regiment Sep. 2, 1862. Clingman's Brigade, Hoke's Division, Beauregard's Corps. He was in the battles of Cold Harbor, Petersburg and Bermuda Hundred and was discharged under a surgeon's certificate, Sep., 1864. After the war he settled at Aurora, Beaufort Co., N. C., and on Feb. 21, 1867, m. Susan Elizabeth Sagg. She was born March 3, 1842. Residence, Greenville, N. C. Children:

William Frederick, b. Nov. 26, 1867.

Fordyce Cunninggim, b. Feb. 12, 1869.

Lillian Lee, b. Oct. 17, 1870, d. Nov. 16, 1870.

Franklin Carlyle, b. March 12, 1872, d. Sep. 24, 1874.

Henry Patrick, b. Aug. 14, 1874.

Mary Elizabeth, b. April 25, 1877.

Jarvis Benjamin, b. May 8, 1879.

Susan Lorena, b. Dec. 28, 1881.

WILLIAM FREDERICK HARDING, son of Henry and

Susan Harding, was graduated from the University of North Carolina, June, 1894, and was admitted to the North Carolina bar Sep., 1896. He is now practicing law in Charlotte, N. C. M. Laura Lillian Long, Dec. 21, 1899. She died Oct. 28, 1904. From this union there is one child:

William Knowlton, b. Feb. 1, 1901.

He m. again, Jan. 16, 1907, Nan Tyson Dowd.

FORDYCE CUNNINGGIM HARDING, son of Henry and Susan Harding, was graduated from the University of North Carolina, June, 1893, took the degree of LL. B. at the same institution, June, 1894, and was admitted to the North Carolina bar, Jan., 1895. He is now practicing law in Greenville, N. C. He m. Nov. 15, 1899, Annie Buxton Harding, daughter of Frederick and Mary Harding. There is one child:

Mary Louise, b. Feb. 7, 1902.

HENRY PATRICK HARDING, son of Henry and Susan Harding, was graduated from the University of North Carolina, June, 1898, and became a teacher in the public schools of his State. He was principal of the school in New Bern, N. C., and now holds a similar

position in Charlotte, N. C. He m., Dec. 23, 1903, Lulie Ives of New Bern, N. C., and has one child:

Lucia, b. April 18, 1908.

MARY ELIZABETH HARDING, daughter of Henry and Susan Harding, was graduated from the North Carolina Normal College in 1900, and is now teaching in Greenville, N. C.

JARVIS BENJAMIN HARDING, son of Henry and Susan Harding, was graduated from the Agricultural and Mechanical College of North Carolina in 1900, and is a civil engineer. Residence, Greenville, N. C.

SUSAN LORENA HARDING, daughter of Henry and Susan Harding, was graduated from the North Carolina Normal College in 1904. She m., Oct. 2, 1907, Hanniss Taylor Latham, a lawyer of Washington, N. C., where she now lives.

ANNIE PATRICK HARDING, daughter of Nathaniel and Elizabeth Ann Harding, was born at Chocowinity, N. C. She m., Nov. 23, 1858, Rev. Stephen Chester Roberts of Newbern, N. C. He was born in Newbern,

N. C., Oct. 12, 1831, ordained priest, Aug. 21, 1859. He served the following parishes: Trinity, Chocowinity, N. C.; Morganton, N. C.; Smithfield, Va.; Columbia, Va.; St. Luke's, Norfolk, Va.; Emmanuel, Chestertown, Md. He died in Chestertown, Nov. 15, 1899. Children:

Annie Harding, b. Nov. 18, 1859.

Susan Sidney, b. May 8, 1862.

Elizabeth Harding, b. Sep. 12, 1863.

Mary Jones, b. Jan. 16, 1865.

Frederick William, b. April 28, 1866, d. Oct. 20, 1866.

John Nathaniel, b. Oct. 24, 1867, d. Sep. 28, 1903.

William Henry, b. June 9, 1869, d. July 3, 1869.

Julian Guion, b. Sep. 11, 1870.

George Herbert, b. Oct. 9, 1873, d. May 11, 1874.

ANNIE HARDING ROBERTS, daughter of Stephen E. and Annie P. Roberts, m. Oct. 9, 1877, Colin Ferguson Stam, a druggist of Chestertown, Md. Residence, Chestertown, Md. Children:

Annie Harding, b. Oct. 13, 1878.

Louise Antoinette, b. Dec. 3, 1879.

John Rudolf, b. July 4, 1881.

Lillian Roberts, b. June 18, 1886.

Donald Ferguson, b. Dec. 19, 1888.

Colin Ferguson, b. Aug. 27, 1896.

Susan Roberts, b. Aug. 27, 1896.

SUSAN SIDNEY ROBERTS, daughter of Stephen C. and Annie P. Roberts, is unmarried and living in Chestertown, Md.

ELIZABETH HARDING ROBERTS, daughter of Stephen C. and Annie P. Roberts, m. Sep. 14, 1893, Richard Harrison Collins, an editor of Chestertown, Md. Children:

Jane Harrison, b. June 26, 1894, d. Aug. 10, 1895.

Stephen Roberts, b. Jan. 13, 1896.

Richard Harrison, b. May 12, 1897.

John Harding, b. July 28, 1898.

William Salisbury, b. June 24, 1904.

MARY JONES ROBERTS, daughter of Stephen C. and Annie P. Roberts, m. Feb. 18, 1892, Joseph Sidney Archbell, of Chocowinity, N. C. Residence, Salisbury, N. C. Children:

Sidney Harding, b. Jan. 17, 1896, d. April, 1896.

Sidney Harding, b. Sep. 13, 1899.

JOHN NATHANIEL ROBERTS, son of Stephen C. and Annie P. Roberts, was an electrician and died in Memphis, Tenn. M. Jan. 30, 1902, Mary Isabel Beck, of Chestertown, Md. There are no children.

JULIAN GUION ROBERTS, son of Stephen C. and Annie P. Roberts, was graduated from the high school, Chestertown, Md., and entered a law office in New York City. He took special courses in the evening schools of that city, and in 1894 was graduated from the law department of the University of the City of New York, with the degree of LL. B. He was admitted to the Maryland bar, 1894, and a few months later to the New York bar. He is now senior member of the law firm, Roberts & Hepburn, 63 Wall St., N. Y. Member of the Masonic order, several State and patriotic societies, a social and a church club. Residence, New York City. He has never married.

ANNIE HARDING STAM, daughter of Colin F. and Annie H. Stam, m. Nov. 14, 1908, Richard S. Hooker, M. D., of Philadelphia, Pa.

NATHANIEL HARDING, son of Nathaniel and Elizabeth Ann Harding, was born at Chocowinity, N. C. He enlisted in the Confederate army Aug. 20, 1864, and served until the surrender. He was educated at the Episcopal Academy, Cheshire, Conn., and Trinity College, Hartford, Conn. He was ordered deacon by Rt. Rev. Thomas Atkinson, Bishop of North Carolina, July 13, 1873, and priest by the same bishop, Dec. 19,

1875. He was called to the charge of St. Peter's Church, Washington, N. C., Sep. 15, 1873, and has spent his entire ministry in that parish, where he is greatly admired and loved. The Diocese of East Carolina has honored him with the following offices: Deputy to the General Convention since 1884, Pres. Standing Committee, member Board of Examining Chaplains, Pres. of the Council, and Dean of the Convocation of Edenton. St. Peter's Church was built under his administration, and is now one of the best equipped churches in the State, and the parish one of the most vigorous. He is also in charge of St. Thomas' Church, Bath, and Zion Church, Beaufort Co., N. C. For twenty-five years he has held the position of county superintendent of public instruction. Address, St. Peter's Rectory, Washington, N. C. M. Feb. 3, 1874, Mary Elizabeth Hughes, daughter of Rev. N. Collin Hughes, D. D., Chocowinity, N. C. Children of this union:

Collin Hughes, b. Dec. 26, 1874.

Frederick Harriman, b. Sep., 1876.

Adeline Williams, b. Oct. 22, 1877, d. July 6, 1881.

Mary Elizabeth, b. Dec. 4, 1879.

Nathaniel, b. Nov. 18, 1881, d. Aug. 2, 1883.

Martha, b. Nov. 15, 1882, d. July 31, 1883.

William Blount, b. Jan. 24, 1884.

Robert Williams, b. Dec. 29, 1886, d. May 29, 1887.

Mary Elizabeth Harding, mother of the above children, died Jan. 5, 1887, and Oct. 1, 1889, Nathaniel Harding married Marina B. Handy, daughter of Edmund Hoyt, Washington, N. C. Children of this union :

Edmund Hoyt, b. July 10, 1890.

Stephen Barnwell, b. Aug. 8, 1892, d. Aug. 12, 1892.

Marina Brickell, b. Sep. 24, 1896.

COLLIN HUGHES HARDING, son of Nathaniel and Mary Elizabeth Harding, was educated in Trinity School, Chocowinity, N. C., the University of N. C., and the University of Texas. He spent some time in railroad and insurance work and was engaged a year with the United States Geological Survey in Indian Territory. The study of law begun in Washington, N. C., in the office of W. B. Rodman, was later continued in Denison, Texas, and the University of that State. He was admitted to the bar in Austin, Texas,

May 22, 1899, and practiced in Demson, Texas, until January, 1904, when he returned to Washington, N. C. He is now a member of the law firm Bragaw & Harding. He m. Sep. 28, 1907, Abbie M. Randolph, daughter of Justus F. and Phoebe W. Randolph of Washington.

FREDERICK HARRIMAN HARDING, son of Nathaniel and Mary Elizabeth Harding, attended Trinity School, Chocowinity, N. C., until June, 1893. He entered the University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn., Aug., 1893, and was graduated with an M. A. degree Aug. 5, 1897. He studied theology one year at Sewanee, and entered the General Theological Seminary, New York City, in the fall of 1898, where he was graduated in May, 1900. He was ordered deacon in St. Peter's Church, Washington, N. C., June 29, 1900, and priest in St. Paul's Church, Edenton, N. C., May 26, 1901. He served St. Paul's Church, Greenville, Trinity, Chocowinity, and St. John's, Pitt Co., N. C., until May 1, 1902, when he was called to be curate of Grace Church, Baltimore, Md. From here he accepted the rectorship of Calvary Church, Tarboro, N. C., Sep. 13, 1903, and at present continues to be rector of that parish. In Memorial Church, Baltimore, Md., Sep. 16, 1903, he

m. Anne Estelle Cotten, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Cotten of Baltimore. Children:

Lucy Boyle, b. Sept. 1, 1908.

Estelle Cotten, b. Oct. 25, 1904.

MARY ELIZABETH HARDING, daughter of Nathaniel and Mary Elizabeth Harding, received her education in Trinity School, Chocowinity, N. C., and afterwards was a teacher in the same school. She m. Aug. 21, 1906, Kenneth G. Henry of Nova Scotia. Mr. Henry taught in Trinity School, Chocowinity, several years, and in 1908 was called to a professorship in the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

WILLIAM BLOUNT HARDING, son of Nathaniel and Mary Elizabeth Harding, was educated in Trinity School, Chocowinity, N. C., and is now engaged in the book and stationery business in Washington, N. C.

Chapter III.

BENJAMIN HARDING, son of the first Stephen, m. Sarah Worseley. He was born in Beaufort Co., N. C., and lived there all his life. The dates of his birth, marriage and death are not known. His children were:

William Brice, b. about 1812, d. in Bradley Co., Arkansas, May 22, 1856.

Joseph, b. March 26, 1813, d. Nov. 4, 1879.

Hannah, birth and death not known.

Thomas G., b. 1815, d. 1895.

Stephen Fonville, b. July 11, 1821, d. Feb., 1904.

WILLIAM BRICE HARDING, son of Benjamin and Sarah Harding, married, about 1846, Elizabeth Henry of Hancock Co., Georgia, b. 1827. He moved to Macon Co., Alabama, about 1848 and engaged in farming and merchandise. In 1856 he moved to Arkansas and settled near Adamsville, Bradley Co., as a farmer. His wife died July 13, 1891. Children:

Maria Louisa, b. April 29, 1848, d. July, 1862.

William Henry, b. Aug. 28, 1849.

Stephen Benjamin, b. Dec. 30, 1851.

Richard Ewing, b. Nov. 28, 1853.

Daniel Brice, b. Dec. 8, 1856, d. August, 1857.

WILLIAM HENRY HARDING, son of William B. and Elizabeth Harding, m. June, 1869, Leila Morris, daughter of William and Eleanor Morris of Warren, Arkansas. He lives on a farm near Warren, Arkansas. Children:

Eula Elizabeth, b. July 23, 1870.

Benjamin Henry, b. Oct. 29, 1872.

Lena Eleanor, b. April 9, 1875.

William Alfred, b. Aug. 5, 1877, d. Aug. 13, 1889.

James Jesse, b. March 27, 1880.

Ella Rena, b. Oct. 13, 1882.

Hettie May, b. Aug. 1, 1885.

Mary Ever, b. Oct. 18, 1889.

Annie Bee, b. Aug. 5, 1895.

Carlton Dudley, b. March 6, 1897.

His first wife died Jan. 4, 1900, and on May 1, 1906, he married Mrs. Katie Simpson. From this marriage there is one child:

Annice J.

STEPHEN BENJAMIN HARDING, son of William Brice and Elizabeth Harding, m. Jan. 1, 1879, Josephine Aurelia, daughter of Thomas B. and Martha St. John. No. children. He is now living in Warren, Arkansas, and engaged in the hardware business with his brother, Richard E. Harding under the firm name of Harding Bros.

EULA ELIZABETH HARDING, daughter of William Henry and Leila Harding, m. April 17, 1887, Thomas C. Berry, son of William and Mary Berry. Children:

William Edgar, b. Jan. 20, 1888.

Orra Eleanor, b. Dec. 30, 1889.

Mary Nina, b. July 17, 1892.

Nannie Ruth, b. Feb. 24, 1894.

Vera Elizabeth, b. April 1, 1896.

Roy Harding, b. April 2, 1898.

Walter Thomas, b. Oct. 15, 1900.

Fred Howard, b. Oct. 13, 1903.

Mr. Berry is a farmer in Bradley Co., Arkansas.

BENJAMIN HENRY HARDING, son of William Henry and Leila Harding, m. Nov. 11, 1893, Rosa Lou Jarratt, daughter of N. A. and Betty Jarratt. He is a foreman carpenter near Warren, Arkansas. Children:

Bessie Lee, b. Sep. 24, 1893, d. April 3, 1904.

Hester Everett, b. Jan. 26, 1895.

William Alexander, b. Dec. 19, 1897.

Vera Annie, b. Sep. 28, 1900.

LENA ELEANOR HARDING, daughter of William Henry and Leila Harding, m. Nov. 1, 1894, Rev. George Everett Parsons. Children:

Lena Everett, b. March 1, 1896.

William Floy, b. Oct. 2, 1898.

Richard Ewing, b. June 9, 1902.

Mr. Parsons died March 5, 1903, at Groveton, Texas, where his family now lives.

JAMES JESSE, son of William Henry Harding, lives in Lufkin, Texas.

ELLA RENA HARDING, daughter of William Henry and Leila Harding, m. Dr. A. O. Carruth, son of B. F. and Emma Carruth. Child:

Elizabeth, b. July 28, 1904.

Dr. Carruth is a practicing physician in Warren, Arkansas.

JOSEPH HARDING, son of Benjamin and Sarah Harding, m. Dec. 26, 1834, Elizabeth Brice Butler, b. Jan. 25, 1812, d. May 28, 1883. He was born in Beaufort Co., N. C., and lived there as a farmer all his life. Children:

Benjamin, b. Oct. 28, 1839, d. Sep. 4, 1874.

Mary Susan, b. Dec. 22, 1843, d. Nov. 4, 1865.

William Francis, b. Oct. 23, 1845, d. Nov. 25, 1865.

Jesse Bryan, b. March 16, 1848, death not known.

John F., b. Oct. 6, 1852.

JOHN F. HARDING, son of Joseph and Elizabeth Harding, m. Sep. 16, 1896, Bettie E. Harding, his cousin, daughter of Stephen Harding. By this marriage there was one child:

William Columbus, b. 1897, d. 1898.

His first wife died, and June 6, 1898, he married Sarah Frances Clark. They have one child:

Mary Susan, b. Aug. 8, 1899.

John F. Harding is a farmer, living in Beaufort Co., N. C.

THOMAS G. HARDING, son of Benjamin and Sarah Harding, m. 1839, Eleanor Buck. Children:

Thomas J., b. 1847.

Sarah E., b. 1850.

Henry H., b. 1854.

Lawrence, b. 1859.

Thomas G. Harding was born in Beaufort Co., N. C., and lived there all his life. Occupation, farming.

THOMAS J. HARDING, son of Thomas G. and Eleanor Harding, m. 1873, Josie Lewis. He is a contractor and lives in Washington, N. C. Children:

Charles E., b. 1873, d. 1907.

Cora E., b. 1875.

Bertha R., b. 1879.

Ernest O., b. 1893.

SARAH E. HARDING, daughter of Thomas G. and Eleanor Harding, never married.

HENRY H. HARDING, son of Thomas G. and Eleanor Harding, m. Josephine Lewis. No children.

LAWRENCE B. HARDING, son of Thomas G. and Eleanor Harding, m. Winnie Fields. No children.

CHARLES E. HARDING, son of Thomas J. and Josie Harding, m. 1900, Sallie Whitehurst. They have one child:

Charles T., b. 1901.

CORA E. HARDING, daughter of Thomas J. and Josie Harding, m. 1893, George N. Howard. They have four children, to wit:

Margaret, b. 1895, d. 1895.

James N., b. 1896.

George G., b. 1900.

Charles T., b. 1906.

BERTHA R. HARDING, daughter of Thomas J. and Josie Harding, m. 1897, Benjamin L. Susman of Washington, N. C. Children:

S. Mundal, b. 1898.

Benjamin Louis, b. 1900.

Bertha R., b. 1902.

Josie L., b. 1906.

David J., b. 1907.

STEPHEN FONVILLE HARDING, son of Benjamin and Sarah Harding, m. Margaret Ann Hill, and lived near Chocowinity, N. C. Children:

Stephen Douglas, b. March 14, 1856.

Joseph Franklin, b. June 29, 1857.

William Frederick, b. May 15, 1860, dead, date not known.

Jefferson Davis, b. Sep. 27, 1861, dead, date not known.

Arcena Elizabeth, b. Jan. 12, 1864, dead, date not known.

Israel Harvey, b. Oct. 30, 1865, dead, date not known.

Delilah Ann, b. Feb. 6, 1870, dead, date not known.

STEPHEN DOUGLAS HARDING, son of Stephen Fonville and Margaret Harding, m. Dec. 23, 1885; wife's name, Lena Rivers. They live in Chocowinity, N. C. Children:

Nathaniel Thomas, b. Oct. 28, 1886.

Benjamin Snowden, b. Aug. 28, 1890.

Arthur Iceland, b. Feb. 6, 1892.

Lacy Walter, b. Nov. 11, 1894.

Stephen Blake, b. June 9, 1897.

JOSEPH FRANKLIN HARDING, son of Stephen Fonville and Margaret Harding, m. Sep. 15, 1892. Lukey A. Buck. They live on a farm near Chocowinity, N. C. Children:

William Joseph, b. March 16, 1894.

Mattie Ethel, b. March 16, 1897.

Anna Amanda. b. Jan. 7, 1899.

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